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SUBJECT: KIRILENKO ELECTORAL SPEECH IN LENINGRAD

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. POLITBURO MEMBER A. P. KIRILENKO ARRIVED IN
LENINGRAD JUNE 7 TO MAKE ROUND OF APPEARANCES IN CONNECTION WITH
CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO RSFSR SUPREME SOVIET. KIRILENKO
DELIVERED PRINCIPAL ADDRESS EVENING OF JUNE 10 AT LENINGRAD'S
OCTOBER CONCERT HALL. IN CONTRAST TO MAZUROV'S APPEARANCE HERE
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(REFTEL A), KIRILENKO FOCUSED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON DOMESTIC

MATTERS AND ECONOMY. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE PRAISE FOR LENINGRAD ACHIEVEMENTS AND KIRILENKO EMPHASIZED CENTRAL APPROVAL OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LENINGRAD INDUSTRIAL AND PLANNING EXPERIENCE. HE MENTIONED BREZHNEV'S NAME TEN TIMES. SOVIET SUCCESSES WERE CONTRASTED WITH CAPITALIST ILLS. INTERNATIONALLY, KIRILENKO CREDITED ACHIEVEMENT OF POSITIVE CHANGES IN DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION ALSO TO FACT THAT CORRELATION OF FORCES IN WORLD ARENA HAD CHANGED TO ADVANTAGE OF SOCIALISM. HE SAID WESTERN RULING CIRCLES HAD BEEN FORCED TO REEXAMINE APPROACHES OF ROLL-BACK AND CONTAINMENT OF COMMUNISM. KIRILENKO OBSERVED THAT APRIL 1975 CC PLENUM HAD APPROVED AND FULLY SUPPORTED "ACTIVITY OF POLITBURO AND CC GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV TOWARD LIFE EMBODIMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY COURSE OF 24TH PARTY CONGRESS AND ITS ADOPTED PROGRAM OF PEACE." KIRILENKO MADE NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF UNITED STATES, BUT APPEARED TO HAVE U.S. IN MIND IN OBSERVING THAT WHILE SOVIET UNION WAS HONESTLY AND SCRUPULOUSLY FULFILLING ALL AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES, IT WAS NATURAL TO "EXPECT SAME APPROACH FROM OUR PARTNERS IN NEGOTIATIONS." HE ADDED, THAT "WITHOUT THEIR READINESS TO TREAT DETENTE IN THIS MANNER, IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CANNOT MOVE FORWARD." RE VIETNAM, KIRILENKO SAID END OF WAR WAS ONE OF BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS (CONQUESTS) OF FORCES OF SOCIALISM, NATIONAL LIBERATION, AND PEACE, HAVING GREAT POSITIVE SIGNIFICANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION; KIRILENKO SAID VIETNAMESE PEOPLE GAINED VICTORY WITH "ALL-AROUND SUPPORT OF SOVIET UNION, OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND ENTIRE PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC." CHINA WAS BRIEFLY BUT ROUNDLY KNOCKED FOR OPPOSING DETENTE, FOR HAVING CONCEALED ITS CHAUVINISTIC PURPOSES IN ULTRA-REVOLUTIONARY PHRASEOLOGY, AND FOR SUPPORTING AN AGGRESSIVE NATO AND STRENGTHENING OF AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND OTHER WORLD REGIONS. NEVERTHELESS, KIRILENKO SAID CPSU STILL SEEKS NORMALIZATION OF STATE RELATIONS AND RESTORATION OF GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS WITH CPR. END SUMMARY.

2. POLITBURO MEMBER ANDREY PAVLOVICH KIRILENKO ARRIVED IN LENINGRAD JUNE 7 FOR THE USUAL PRE-ELECTION GESTURES IN CONNECTION WITH HIS CANDIDACY AS DEPUTY TO RSFSR SUPREME SOVIET FROM LENINGRAD'S POLYTECHNIC ELECTORAL DISTRICT. HE GAVE HIS MAIN SPEECH EVENING OF JUNE 10 AT LENINGRAD'S LARGE OCTOBER CONCERT HALL. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HIS MAIN POINTS.

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3. BREZHNEV AND PARTY. KIRILENKO MENTIONED BREZHNEV'S NAME TEN TIMES DURING SPEECH. EARLIEST REFERENCE WAS ALSO MOST GUSHING. NOTING THAT SERVING THE PEOPLE WAS ESSENCE OF CPSU ACTIVITY AND ITS LENINIST CENTRAL COMMITTEE, KIRILENKO SAID INVIOABLE UNITY OF PARTY AND PEOPLE FINDS CLEAR EXPRESSION IN UNANIMOUS WORKERS' SUPPORT OF BLOC OF COMMUNISTS AND NON-PARTY "AND ITS FIRST CANDIDATE -- CC GENERAL SECRETARY LEONID IL'ICH BREZHNEV, WHO

WON DEEP RESPECT AND LOVE OF ALL SOVIET PEOPLES AND HIGH AUTHORITY
IN ENTIRE WORLD FOR HIS TIRELESS ACTIVITY AND OUTSTANDING
QUALITIES OF A POLITICAL LEADER OF THE LENIN MODEL." LATER IN HIS
SPEECH, KIRILENKO ALSO PRAISED ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOVIET AGRICULTURE
IN 9TH FIVE YEAR PLAN PERIOD, "CONFIRMING VITALITY AND ENORMOUS
ROLE OF PARTY'S AGRARIAN POLICY DEVELOPED THROUGH THE INITIATIVE
OF COMRADE BREZHNEV AT THE MARCH 1965 CC PLENUM"
KIRILENKO'S FINAL ECOMIUM FOR BREZHNEV WAS EXPRESSED IN
REFERENCE TO APRIL 1975 CC PLENUM'S "APPROVAL AND FULL SUPPORT
OF ACTIVITY OF POLITBURO AND CC GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV TOWARD
LIFE EMBODIMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY COURSE OF 24TH PARTY CONGRESS
AND ITS ADOPTED PROGRAM OF PEACE." KIRILENKO WENT ON TO SPELL
OUT THAT THE "MANY-SIDED, FRUITFUL ACTIVITY OF COMRADE BREZHNEV,
DIRECTED AT STRENGTHENING PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN NATIONS, FOUND WIDE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, ENABLING THE AUTHORITY OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY TO
BECOME STILL HIGHER."

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4. PRAISE FOR LENINGRAD ACHIEVEMENTS. KIRILENKO SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT PRODUCTION AND MANAGERIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF LENINGRAD, CREDITING A NUMBER OF ENTERPRISES WITH RESULTS AND INNOVATIONS WHICH EARNED CENTRAL COMMITTEE RECOGNITION. LENINGRAD PARTY ORGANIZATION RECEIVED VERY WARM PRAISE AND WAS CHARACTERIZED AS "ONE OF MILITANT AND TRIED UNITS OF OUR LENINIST PARTY WHICH ALWAYS WAS AND REMAINS ITS RELIABLE BUTTRESS." (COMMENT: MAZUROV ALSO TOSSED NUMBER OF GARLANDS AT FEET OF FMOLNYY LEADERSHIP AND LOCAL BOY ROMANOV MUST BE PLEASED WITH EVIDENCE OF CENTRAL FAVOR.)

5. ECONOMY. KIRILENKO EMPHASIZED NEED TO EXPAND SCIENTIFIC-
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TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION INTO ENTIRE NATIONAL ECONOMY. HE CALLED FOR GREATER EFFORTS TO DEVELOP MACHINE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND RAISE ITS TECHNICAL LEVEL. RAISING QUALITY OF PRODUCTION WAS SAID TO BE VERY IMPORTANT MATTER, ALBEIT A DIFFICULT PROBLEM, WHICH CONCERNED ESSENCE OF CONTEMPORARY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. KIRILENKO ALSO EXPRESSED NECESSITY TO ROOT OUT BUREAUCRATISM AND RED TAPE.

6. CONTRAST WITH WEST. KIRILENKO'S EXPOSITION OF SOVIET SUCCESSES WAS COUPLED WITH INVIDIOUS COMPARISON TO CAPITALIST WORLD AND ITS CRISES. INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND WORSENING OF WORKERS' MATERIAL SITUATION SAID TO RECEIVE EXPRESSION IN SHARPENING OF CLASS STRUGGLE BETWEEN LABOR AND CAPITAL. IDEOLOGICALLY, KIRILENKO SAID PARTY WOULD CONDUCT UNDEVIATING STRUGGLE AGAINST BOURGEOIS AND REVISIONIST IDEOLOGY.

7. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. KIRILENKO CREDITED SUCCESSES OF PARTY'S PEACE PROGRAM WITH STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS OF SOVIET UNION AND SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING ITS ROLE AND INFLUENCE IN WORLD AFFAIRS -- "WHICH EVEN OUR IDEOLOGICAL OPPONENTS ARE FORCED TO RECOGNIZE." ACHIEVEMENT OF POSITIVE CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WAS SAID ALSO DUE TO FACT THAT CORRELATION OF FORCES IN WORLD ARENA HAD CHANGED TO ADVANTAGE OF SOCIALISM. THIS, KIRILENKO SAID, HAD REQUIRED RULING CIRCLES OF WESTERN POWERS TO REEXAMINE SUCH APPROACHES AS ROLL-BACK AND CONTAINMENT OF COMMUNISM AND PROCEED TO RECOGNITION OF NECESSITY OF PRINCIPLE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE OF STATES WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL STRUCTURES.

8. DETENTE. KIRILENKO SAID TENDENCY TOWARD DETENTE IS BECOMING DOMINATING TRAIT IN DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE, RECEIVING

FORCE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN SYSTEM OF TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES OF DIFFERING SYSTEMS. HE SAID SOVIET UNION IS HONESTLY AND SCRUPULOUSLY FULFILLING ALL SUCH TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS, STRIVING TO FILL THEM WITH RICH CONTENT. IT WAS THEREFORE NATURAL, HE SAID, TO "EXPECT THE SAME APPROACH FROM OUR PARTNERS IN NEGOTIATIONS" SINCE "WITHOUT THEIR READINESS TO TREAT DETENTE IN THIS MANNER, IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CANNOT MOVE FORWARD."

9. VIETNAM. KIRILENKO PRAISED END OF WAR IN INDOCHINA AS ONE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF FORCES OF SOCIALISM, NATIONAL LIBERATION AND PEACE, HAVING GREAT POSITIVE SIGNIFICANCE NOT ONLY FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA BUT ALSO FOR RENDERING THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION MORE HEALTHY. VIETNAMESE LEADERS WERE CITED AS EMPHASIZING THAT THEIR VICTORY WAS GAINED WITH "ALL-AROUND HELP OF SOVIET UNION, OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND ENTIRE PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC."

10. ENEMIES OF DETENTE. KIRILENKO SAID THAT EVERY STEP ON PATH TOWARD FIRM PEACE REQUIRED STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME OPPOSITION OF "STILL SUFFICIENTLY INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES STRIVING TO SLOW DOWN POSITIVE CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." KIRILENKO CRITICIZED COLD WAR RECIDIVISTS AND THE RESOUNDING CALLS FOR INCREASING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MILITARY POTENTIAL OF UNITED STATES AND NATO, AND FOR SLOWING DOWN WORK OF CSCE. THIS, INCIDENTALLY, WAS ONLY SPECIFIC REFERENCE KIRILENKO MADE TO U.S. DURING HIS SPEECH OTHER THAN BRIEF MENTION IN REMARKS ON CHINA.

11. CHINA. CHINA WAS ACCUSED OF ADOPTING LEADING ROLE IN STRUGGLE AGAINST DETENTE, OPENLY SUPPORTING THE AGGRESSIVE NATO BLOC AND "RETENTION AND EVEN STRENGTHENING OF AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE, SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD." THESE WERE THE PEOPLE, KIRILENKO SAID, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY CONCEALED THEIR CHAUVINISTIC PURPOSES IN ULTRA-REVOLUTIONARY PHRASEOLOGY. NEVERTHELESS, THE CPSU STILL SEEKS NORMALIZATION OF STATE RELATIONS AND RESTORATION OF GOOD-NEIGHBORLINESS WITH THE CPR.
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